

House File 2568 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 616)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a cyber crime investigation unit in the
2 department of public safety to investigate crimes with a
3 nexus to the internet or computer technology including
4 crimes involving child exploitation and cyber intrusion.
5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 80.40 Cyber crime investigation
2 unit.

3 1. A cyber crime investigation unit is established in the
4 department. The purpose of the unit is to investigate crimes
5 with a nexus to the internet or computer technology including
6 crimes involving child exploitation and cyber intrusion.

7 2. The commissioner shall dedicate a minimum of two
8 full-time employees within the unit to investigate cyber crime.
9 Additional staff may be hired, subject to the availability of
10 funding.

11 3. The unit shall have the authority to do all of the
12 following within the state:

13 a. Conduct investigations and forensic analyses of criminal
14 cases involving computer technology.

15 b. Research and provide training to assist governmental
16 agencies in prosecuting cases related to cyber crime.

17 c. Provide investigative and prosecutorial assistance to
18 governmental agencies involved with cyber crime.

19 EXPLANATION

20 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
21 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

22 This bill establishes a cyber crime investigation unit to
23 investigate crimes with a nexus to the internet or computer
24 technology including crimes involving child exploitation and
25 cyber intrusion. The bill directs the commissioner of public
26 safety to dedicate two or more full-time employees within
27 the unit to investigate cyber crime and allows additional
28 staff to be hired. The bill gives the unit the authority to
29 conduct investigations and forensic analyses of criminal cases
30 involving computer technology, research and provide training
31 to assist governmental agencies in prosecuting cases related
32 to cyber crime, and provide investigative and prosecutorial
33 assistance to governmental agencies involved with cyber crime.